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## YE COMPETENT WITNESS.

A LEGEND OF YE GRAND JUROR.

It was ye competent witness  
Was served with a sub-p.  
To appear and testify before  
Ye model Grand Juror,  
As to ye gamblers' wicked ways  
And much iniquity.

"For," said ye Judge, severely,  
"Ye should not summon those  
Who naught do ken of ye tiger's den  
But by 'hearsay' and 'suppose,'  
But those who know ye animal fierce  
From ye tail-top to ye nose."

"Go forth, go forth, my bold bayliff,"  
Thus did the Sheriff teach,  
"Find those who know how 'tis themselves  
And can be got to perch,  
For in this he that knows most is  
Most reticent of speech."

"Spare not ye down-town merchant prince,  
Summon both bull and bear,  
Ye bank President from his desk,  
Ye deacon from his prayer,  
Ye patrolman from his lamp-post snug  
Subpoena and do not spare."

And thus ye competent witness  
Came before ye Grand Juror.  
Quoth a bold juror: "Be not frightened, for  
We will not injure thee.  
We all are friends; 'then the well-waxed ends  
Of his moustache twitched with glee."

And that competent witness answered them:  
"Tis a goodly company,  
On this table green were a lay-out seen,  
And chips of ivory,  
Yes, a silver box and of cards a pack,  
More homelike it would be."

"Forbear, forbear," said a juror stern,  
"Delay thy heedless jaw,  
Why pratest of lay-outs, chips, and cards?  
Such things we never saw.  
We are met for Justice to 'call the turn';  
And ye 'soda' here is law!"

He winked respectfully, took ye oath,  
And spake to that Grand Juror:  
"On a certain day, I happened to stray  
To ye hell of Mike McD.,  
And he said to me that owner was he  
Of that sinful property."

"Was he dealing ye game?" said a brave juror.  
"He was, but he left his chair  
To see a man, and his success—or  
If I ye truth must swear  
Was—" "Speak," said ye foreman—"Well, it  
Was ye gentleman over there."

Then around ye circle ran a frown,  
A frown of fierce virtue,  
Said another juror: "Were there there  
Any players that ye knew?"  
"Aye," said the witness, "ye I saw,  
And you, and you, and you."

"O, sinful men!" said a Deacon bold,  
"To be seen in such a place!  
I wonder that ye dare to look  
Good Mr. Reed in ye face.  
Praise Heaven, that ye none e'er did see  
Betting upon ye ace."

"You're talking," ye competent witness cried,  
"None e'er saw such a thing.  
I mind me well when it befell  
You bucked ye beast last spring  
You e'er did place a chip on ye ace,  
You always coppered the King!"

"Ah, canting hypocrite!" cried one.  
"But we have gaskins here,  
In plain public view we shall have you  
As a witness swift appear.  
O, competent witness, what ye ye place,  
Ye hour, day, month, and year?"

Up spake ye competent witness then:  
"I think it was last spring,  
You can bet better fix ye eye,  
Than I, by remembering  
'Twas ye very night you won thirteen times  
In succession on ye King."

There fell a hush on that Grand Juror,  
Then ye competent witness spake:  
"An ye would learn who call ye turn  
And deal ye cards, forsake  
These tactics. Answer—question not,  
Give evidence—don't take!"

There fell a hush upon them all,  
And softly as a sparrow,  
Ye competent witness took his hat  
And vanished from their sight.  
In a whisper of awe, said a bold juror:  
"I don't know but he's right."

"The 'soda' readers not connected with the Board of Trade should know, is the first card exposed in dealing faro."

The following special order, No. 61, was issued at Headquarters Department of Arizona, August 18, 1875:

I. Corporal William Stevenson is appointed Sergeant in the General Service Detachment of clerks, on duty at these Headquarters.

II. Major D. Taylor, paymaster, will proceed without delay to pay the troops at Camp McDowell, A. T., to include the muster of June 30th, 1875.

On the completion of this duty Major Taylor will return to his proper station.

III. A General Court Martial is appointed to meet at Camp Lowell, A. T., at 10 o'clock, a. m., on Friday the 3d of September next, or as soon thereafter as practicable, for the trial of such persons as may be properly brought before it:

Detail for the Court:

1. Captain J. N. Andrews, 8th Inf.
2. Captain C. B. McCallan, 6th Cav.
3. Captain J. B. Girard, Asst.-Surgeon.
4. First-Lieut. J. W. Powell, 8th Inf.
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6. Second-Lieut. W. L. Pitzer, 8th Inf.
7. First-Lieut. J. H. Sands, Adjutant 6th Cav., Judge-Advocate.

No other officers than those named can be assembled without manifest injury to the service.

IV. Private Caspar Frueler, Company G, 5th Cav., is transferred to the General Service Detachment, and assigned to duty as clerk at these Headquarters.

V. Private Julius Wuerz, Company F, 6th Cav., is detailed on extra duty, as messenger in the office of the Medical Director of the Department.

SWEET AND AWFUL.—A San Bernardino paper tells of a party of graders at Cajon Pass who struck into a cavern filled with honey. The bees that made it entered the cave through a small aperture in the rocks more than a quarter of a mile from the point of discovery. One hundred tons is the figure at which it is estimated, and there are not vessels enough in San Bernardino to hold it. The honey is, of course, sweet, and there must be bees enough to make it awful hot for those who mine it out, or else the whole story is an awful big lie.

## LETTER FROM FORT WINGATE.

EDITOR MINER:—It may be interesting for some of your readers to know that ex-Gov. Wm. F. M. C. Army has tendered his resignation as Agent of the Navajo Indians and it has been accepted, and as yet the name of his successor is not known. It is supposed that the cause of his resignation is that the Indians were so much dissatisfied with him as their Agent, though the opinion of a great many citizens is that the Governor was not so much to blame as other parties, both civil and military. There is a class of citizens living on or near the reservation that are married to or living with squaws, and as a natural consequence have considerable influence over the untutored mind of the noble Lo, and they have availed themselves of every opportunity to use that influence against the Agent. One of them got up a petition to the Great Father at Washington and, with the signatures of the principal Chiefs of the tribe, solicited him to make his brother Agent. This petition passed through the hands of the military and received their approval. There are living in the vicinity of this post about four or five hundred Indians who are notorious as expert horse and cattle thieves, which every man that has had a herd of stock in this section of the country can testify to. This band is led by a sub-Chief, named Mariana, who has considerable enterprise in raising stock; he left Fort Sumner about the year 1867 with the rest of the Indians and walked all the way to this place, having no animal to ride, and now he has thirty head of horses, over two hundred head of beef cattle, (six of which he stole of the butcher at this post) and two thousand head of sheep. Now, if a white man on so small a capital had shown such a disposition for stock raising, the probabilities are that he would have been hung or sent to prison. I have known Indians belonging to this band to run off stock from this reservation and when reported to the commanding officer, the persons were asked how they knew the Indians had taken them, and that they did not believe the report; but most generally, a reward of five or ten dollars brought back the stolen property. A soldier that has two mules of his own had them run off in daylight; he traced them to an Indian encampment about two miles from the post but still on the reservation, and from information received from an Indian the soldier reported the fact to his company commander, who reprimanded the soldier and gave him to understand that he did not wish him to make such accusations against the Indians. This Chief and his band the Governor has tried to have removed to their proper reservation at Fort Defiance. The order for their removal has been received from Washington, and also a request from the Agent to that effect, but the commanding officer gives as an excuse "that being only in temporary command, he does not wish to have the displeasure of the Indians."

Yours,  
THOMAS WRIGHTMAN.  
Fort Wingate, N. M., Aug. 13, 1875.

## FATHER GERDEMANN, ON PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The N. Y. Herald publishes a remarkable lecture by ex-Priest John W. Gerdemann, delivered in Philadelphia lately, among other things giving his reasons for renouncing the priesthood and the Catholic Church; denouncing the doctrine of the infallibility of the Pope, and citing as one error the teaching of the Pope that it is better for a Priest to keep two concubines, as many of them do, than to marry one woman. But as we have nothing to do with Church doctrines or practices, we copy only that part of the lecture which bears upon our public schools. On this question the ex-Priest said:

"When I saw the parade on St. Patrick's Day in 1874, I was standing alongside of Bishop Wood in the second story of his residence. How delighted he was with the display of their great numbers! That will show the Americans how many voters we have now, and how many fighting men we will command when the fight commences, and commence it will on the school question, he said repeatedly. If they praise our free Republican institutions now, don't be deceived. The Church of the Inquisition never will be the admirer and supporter of liberty. The Pope denounces and condemns the very corner-stone of our Republic—liberty of conscience."

LOOK TO THE SCHOOLS.  
"Let Catholics have their own schools if they choose, but let the public school remain a public good, above or independent of any party or sect. Teach your children history; let them look at Italy, Spain and South America, and then at Germany, England and our own glorious land. If they choose then the Church which has been the curse of Catholic countries, instead of that enlightened faith which has been the blessing of Protestant nations; if they willfully forfeit the glorious inheritance of our fathers, they deserve their fate. But no fear so long as our land is dotted with public schools. Then our children will spurn all foreign allegiance, temporal as well as spiritual, and, like we in our day, they will take care in their day that our glorious starry banner shall always float over the land of the free—few not only from the bondage of the flesh, but free from the worse slavery of the spirit."

A very tall and shabby-looking man, stepped up to one of our bars, last week, and after heaving a glass of liquor into his long throat, blandly asked the bar-tender if he could change a \$20 bill. The gentleman inquired him that he could. "Well," said the tall one, with a sigh of satisfaction, "I'll go out and see if I can find one," and he plunged into the cold world on his mission.

—[Louisville Commercial.]

## A Military Telegraph from San Diego to Santa Fe.

By act of Congress, approved March 3, 73, was appropriated \$50,311.80 for the construction of a military telegraph from San Diego, Cal., via Fort Yuma and Maricopa Wells, to Prescott and Tucson, Arizona.

The amount so appropriated was expended by the Quartermaster's Department, U. S. A., and the line was worked by hired civilian operators at an expense, per man, of about \$100 per month.

By act, approved March 3, 1873, Congress appropriated \$30,000 to "construct a telegraph line from Fort Marcy (Santa Fe), N. M., via Fort Bayard, N. M., to Camp Grant, Arizona Territory." By the same act, the Chief Signal Officer of the Army was invested with the "charge and control of said lines of telegraph, also with the construction, repair and operation of the same."

Gen. A. J. Myer, the Chief Signal Officer, U. S. A., has been familiarly known to the American public as "Old Prob.", by reason of his control of the Meteorological Bureau of the War Department, and, probably, has been popularly believed to be solely engaged in weather predictions. It is not as generally known that, some years since, he commenced to enlist men of superior intelligence as privates of the acting Signal Corps U. S. A., and to educate them as practical telegraph operators, repairers, line men, etc.

His design was to thereby have at his command a thoroughly trained body of men who, in the event of war, should be competent to intelligently perform the usual duties devolving upon telegraph operators, military signallists, etc.

The Congressional enactments quoted have afforded him the means of widely extending his field of usefulness.

It is proposed, by the labor of troops, directed by these experts, run a line from San Diego, Southern California to Santa Fe, N. M., thereby affording the entire intermediate region the facilities of speedy communication with the States East and West.

Aside from the uses for the protection of the frontier, and the connection of military posts and settlements, these lines will, when extended into New Mexico, be of important benefit to the commercial and agricultural interests of the territory. They will place, when completed and extended, each of the stations upon them in almost instantaneous connection with the office of the Chief Signal Officer at Washington, and into the system of the regular telegraphic circuits from which they will enter. Aside from the other uses, the meteorological information to be had tri-daily from the stations, will affect the signal service reports throughout the United States. The transmission of civilian messages for tolls, as now required by law, has an important bearing upon the business interests of the territory and adjoining States.

The character of the country through which the line will be run, is too well known to this country, to need dilution here, but the self-imposed labor that the army has thus assumed, should receive the cordial co-operation of the press of the country.

We understand that Maj. Gen. Pope has already given orders to the proper officials in New Mexico to commence the work of felling trees needed for wire-supports, and we are also informed that work will be commenced at Santa Fe, running southward and westward, so soon as the necessary reconnaissance has been completed and the route of the line definitely determined upon.